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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Howard Stoertz, Jr.  
National Intelligence Officer for  
Strategic Programs

SUBJECT : Projections of Soviet and Chinese  
Military Forces

REFERENCE : Your memo to DDI/CIA and DDE/DIA,  
Same Subject, dated 4 June 1974 (SP-71/74)

1. We have reviewed the draft memorandum to the DCI and Director, DIA attached to the reference memorandum and find it a good reflection of the results of the meetings on the subject. The Memorandum for the Record to be sent to the DCI and Director, DIA is a clear presentation of the obligations we in CIA are prepared to undertake with respect to projections of Soviet and Chinese military forces. On this basis I approve your sending these memoranda.

2. I would like to amplify on my understanding a few points in the Memorandum for the Record. First, with regard to the phrase, "to the extent permitted by manpower availability" which appears in paragraph 3.d., I do not expect this condition to limit our review of the DIPP if the timing of the DIPP and NIE-type projections is well synchronized. Our intention in this respect is to meet DIA's schedule for the DIPP and not to use "manpower availability" as an excuse of convenience for not cooperating. Second, in order to insure this attitude, we will interpret the phrase "which correspond in assumptions, methodology, and level of detail" in the same paragraph quite literally. Third, we should all realize that there may be the rare occasion when we may be enjoined by higher authority from complying with the obligation in paragraph 5.f. to make projections available to DIA.

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3. In sum, you have done an excellent job in facilitating an arrangement which should benefit the users of force projections as well as those who make them.



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